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AND ELECTRONIC DEVICE USING THE SAME
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Also attached is a copy of the Japanese Search Report dated July 27, 1999 from the corresponding Japanese Patent Application. All of the documents listed in PTO-1449 appear in the Japanese Search Report.

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The three references cited are as follows:

1. Japanese Non-Examined Utility Model Publication No. 3-53776. This was filed on September 27, 1989 prior to the priority date of the subject reissue application and published on May 24, 1991, after the priority date of the subject reissue application. However, it was filed after the priority date of the foreign priority whose priority is claimed in the present application. There is enclosed a certified translation of the priority document whose priority was claimed in the present application. It is believed that as a result this does not constitute a prior art reference.

Additionally, this reference does not disclose either a first data interface unit, a second data interface unit or a data transfer circuit as are recited in the pending claims.

2. Japanese Non-Examined Patent Publication 62-248054, published on October 29, 1987. This reference does not disclose a card type input/output interface.

3. Japanese Non-Examined Utility Model Publication No. 2-8251 published on January 19, 1990. This reference does not disclose either a first data interface unit, a second data interface unit, or a data transfer circuit as is recited in the pending claims.

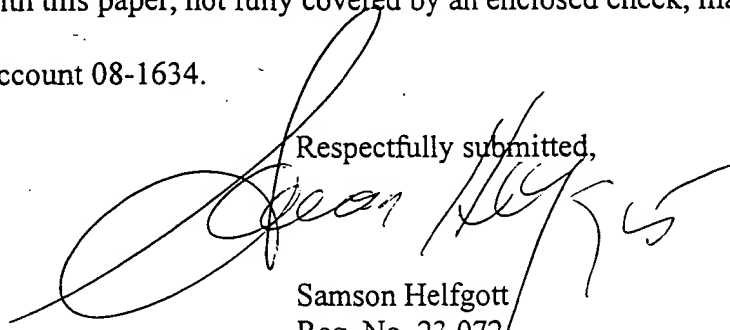
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